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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13, 21, 25, 28, 33, 34; and cancel claim 35 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
a handle portion;
a first member having a first end and a second end, said first end connected to said handle portion; and
a lightbox connected to said second end, said lightbox having a light source ~~capable of~~ for emitting a directional light beam, said light source is movable relative to said first member to direct the directional light beam in various directions relative to said first ~~member, and member,~~
wherein said handle portion and said lightbox are substantially parallel with one another and define a hand receiving opening therebetween defined between said handle portion, said first member and said lightbox, said hand receiving opening adapted to receive for receiving a portion of the user's hand, hand, and when said first member is substantially horizontal, said handle portion and said lightbox extend vertically downward.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 1, wherein said lightbox is swivelable relative to said first member.
4. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 1, wherein said handle portion is pivotable in a plane substantially transverse to said first member.

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5. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 4, wherein said lightbox is rotatable relative to said first member, said lightbox having a longitudinal axis and being rotatable about said axis.

6. (Currently amended) A flashlight ~~comprising;~~ comprising:
a handle member ~~adapted to be in contact with a person's hand;~~
a lightbox connected to said handle member, said lightbox having a light source ~~capable of for~~ emitting a directional light beam during use, said light source ~~positionable~~ angularly repositionable relative to said handle member to adjust ~~the~~ a vertical direction of the directional light beam and adjust a the horizontal direction of the directional light beam such that during use a positioned directional light beam is angularly maintained with respect to said handle member;
and

a hand strap attached to said handle member, said hand strap ~~adapted to secure~~ securing said handle member to ~~the~~ a person's ~~hand;~~ hand while in use.

7. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim 6, wherein said lightbox is ~~positionable~~ angularly repositionable relative to said handle member at two discrete locations.

8. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 7, wherein a first of said discrete locations is provided at a connection between said lightbox and a first member connected to said handle member.

9. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 8, wherein a second of said discrete locations is positioned at a connection between said handle member and said first member.

10. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
a handle portion connected to a lightbox by a transverse member, said lightbox having a longitudinal axis, said handle portion movable relative to said transverse member in a plane

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parallel to said longitudinal axis of said lightbox, said lightbox comprising a battery receiving portion and a light source; and

a switch positioned for depression with a thumb of the user's hand while the hand contacts said handle portion.

11. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 10, wherein said switch is provided on said transverse member.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A flashlight, comprising:
a handle portion;
a first member connected to said handle portion; and
a lightbox connected to said first member, said lightbox having a battery receiving portion and a light source oriented to emit a light beam in a direction substantially transverse to a longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion, wherein said handle portion, said first member and said lightbox form a substantially inverted U-shaped configuration defining a hand receiving opening adapted to receive a portion of a user's hand,

wherein at least one of said lightbox and said handle portion is movable relative to said first member.

14. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein both said lightbox and said handle portion are movable relative to said first member.

15. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein said lightbox is rotatable to indexed positions relative to said first member.

16. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein said handle portion is pivotable to fixed positions relative to said first member.

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17-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
an assembly including a light-emitting portion adjustably connected to a handle portion, said light-emitting portion ~~capable of~~ for emitting a directional light beam during use and said light-emitting portion being directionally adjustable relative to said handle portion to adjust ~~the~~ a vertical direction and a horizontal ~~directions~~ direction of the directional light beam relative to said handle portion such that during use the adjusted directional light beam is directionally maintained with respect to said handle portion; and

a strap attached to said assembly, said strap and said assembly forming an opening therebetween adapted to receive a portion of a user's hand.

22. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 21, wherein said strap is connected to said assembly at a first location and a second location.

23. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 22, wherein said first and second locations are on said handle portion.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
a lightbox having a battery receiving portion and a light source, said light source ~~capable of~~ for emitting a directional light beam, said battery receiving portion having a longitudinal axis;
a handle portion ~~member~~ member spatially separated from said lightbox and substantially parallel with said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion;

a first member having first and second ends, said first end connected to said handle portion ~~member~~ and said second end connected to said lightbox; and

said light source being directionally adjustable relative to said handle portion ~~member~~ member such that when said handle portion ~~member~~ member is in a stationary, substantially vertical orientation,

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said light source is directionally adjustable through 90 degrees of rotation to emit a directional light beam in one of a ~~plurality of~~ horizontal ~~directions plane~~.

26. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 25, wherein said light source is directionally adjustable through 180 degrees of rotation.

27. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 25, wherein said light source is directionally adjustable through 360 degrees of rotation.

28. (Currently amended) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
an assembly including a light-emitting portion for emitting a directional light beam, a handle portion having a handle longitudinal centerline and a first member having a first longitudinal centerline, said first and said handle longitudinal centerlines being substantially perpendicular to each other, said light-emitting portion connected to said handle portion via said first member, said light-emitting portion is movable relative to said handle portion ~~and capable of emitting a directional light beam~~;

said assembly having a first position in which said first longitudinal centerline of said first member and said handle longitudinal centerline of said handle portion define a first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially parallel with said first plane during use; and

said assembly having a second position ~~in which~~ with said first longitudinal centerline of said first member and said handle longitudinal centerline of said handle portion in said first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially transverse to said first plane;

~~wherein in said first position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially parallel with said first plane and in said second position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially transverse to said first plane during use.~~

29. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a switch positioned on said first member.

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30. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, wherein said handle portion is pivotably connected to said first member.

31. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 30, wherein said light-emitting portion is rotatably connected to said first member.

32. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a hand strap attached to said assembly, said hand strap adapted to secure said assembly to a person's hand.

33. (Currently amended) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
an assembly including a lightbox interconnected to a handle portion having a longitudinal centerline, said lightbox comprising a battery receiving portion having a longitudinal axis and a light-emitting portion for emitting a directional light beam during use, said light-emitting portion is movable relative to said handle portion ~~and capable of emitting a directional light beam~~;

said assembly having a first position in which said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion and said longitudinal centerline of said handle portion define a first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially parallel with said first plane during use; and

said assembly having a second position ~~in which~~ with said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion and said longitudinal centerline of said handle portion in said first plane and the directional light beam of said light-emitting portion is substantially transverse to said first plane;

~~wherein in said first position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially parallel with said first plane and in said second position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially transverse to said first plane during use.~~

34. (Currently amended) The flashlight apparatus of claim 33, further comprising:

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a first member having a longitudinal centerline, said lightbox connected to said first member and said handle portion pivotably connected to said first member; and

said assembly having a third position in which said longitudinal axis of said battery receiving portion and said longitudinal centerline of said first member define a second plane and said ~~pivotal~~ longitudinal centerline of said handle portion is non-coplanar with ~~the~~ said second plane.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 34, wherein said lightbox is rotatably connected to said first member.